Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Les Cummings has been a lifelong resident of Sioux Falls and an exemplary citizen in his community and the state of South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Les served the South Dakota National Guard honorably and faithfully and retired as the State Sergeant Major. He is a tireless leader in his efforts to assist wounded soldiers returning to South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Les is a charter member of Sioux Falls Cares–reaching out to children and families at Christmastime every year and has served as President of the Board of Sioux Falls Cares for the past five consecutive years; and,

Whereas, His service to Sioux Falls Cares has touched the lives of thousands of families and children in the Sioux Falls area and the only compensation he receives is the satisfaction of helping children and families find happiness at Christmastime; and,

Whereas, Regardless of any personal adversity, Les Cummings has always answered the call to service on behalf of his state and community with passion and enthusiasm:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 21, 2009, as

LES CUMMINGS DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State